

ANNUAL MEETING

The Sheraton Boston Hotel will be the site of the Third Annual Meeting of SCLL on June 19, 1976. Standards for state and court law libraries will be the subject of a series of presentations and panel discussions. Program Chairperson Margaret Setliff has planned a busy day beginning with the SCLL Executive Board meeting at 9:30 a.m. The annual business meeting will be at 10:30 with the panel discussions and presentations starting at 1:00. Following in the SCLL tradition of entertaining and informative dinner speakers, Raymond M. Taylor will address the SCLL banquet that evening. The full schedule of the days activities is listed on page 15. See also article on page 3.

U.S. SENATE STUDYING COURT LIBRARY EXEMPTION

December 18, 1975, Senator Robert Morgan (N.C.) introduced S.2818, a bill to amend the Depository Library Act as it applies to state appellate court libraries that are designated depository libraries under Title 44 United States Code, section 1915. In his remarks introducing the bill, Mr. Morgan noted: In accordance with the intent of Congress, the Acting Public Printer promulgated rules in 1972 for the State courts. State court libraries were exempted not only from size and location criteria, from providing any special care or custody, and from keeping the documents permanently, but also from making reports to the Superintendent of Documents on these matters. In 1974, however, with an administrative change at the Government Printing (Continued on page 8)

FEDERAL JUDICIAL CENTER STARTS LIBRARY STUDY

At the direction of the Judicial Conference of the United States, the Federal Judicial Center has commenced a study of the library services for the federal courts, central and in-chambers libraries, both Circuit and District. The study will address itself to the growing needs of the federal judges, the magistrates, the bankruptcy judges, and federal public defenders in a system that has grown far beyond established procedures set up years ago. The vast geographical areas covered by some of the libraries in the system have rendered impractical one central library and many of the district judges, traveling out of their headquarters to hold court, often must take part of their library with them. Additional facets of the study will call for an examination of tried and proven methods and materials for law research adopted in the past, with a view to determining whether better methods and materials are now available and whether it would be feasible to change. This means an examination of all modern technology such as computerized research, various types of microform, and transmittal of law information quickly and efficiently. This aspect (Continued on page 6)

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FROM THE EDITOR.....

SCLL is a young organization representing law libraries with long histories. The North Carolina Supreme Court Library had its beginning in 1812. Even if your library is a newer library, your collection represents a field of knowledge with roots in the very beginnings of our nation. It is, therefore, fitting that our triennial meeting be held in the bicentennial year in Boston!

This year, our annual workshop session will focus on standards. Even though we had to limit our structured discussion to court libraries, the concepts to be discussed certainly could be applied to county and state law libraries as well. Everyone has something they can add to the sessions, and will, no doubt, take away some new ideas.

In addition, the important question of our organizational relationship with AALL will be discussed. The new structure of the national AALL organization may well provide a place for SCLL interests.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at this years meeting of SCLL. Ya'll come!

Karen C. Sorvari, Editor

ROHAN REVIEWS

The San Diego County Law Library issues a newsletter containing recent acquisitions and general news items of interest to the library's users. In the December issue, Librarian Bill Rohan offered the following personal books reviews.

Handbook for Judges: An Anthology of Inspirational and Educational Writings for Members of the Judiciary. Edited by Glenn R. Winters and published by the American Judicature Society. Was going to send a little capsulized review and suggestion that the judges read from this book to all members of our local judiciary but lost my nerve for fear some of our distinguished judges might think it presumptuous of me to suggest that they might benefit by any inspirational and/or educational writings. While Winters has done a "cut and paste" job, he has "cut and pasted" some pretty good material. Sections of the book include: The Essential Qualities of a Judge; The Work of the Judge; Contemporary Problems and Controversies; Judicial Ethics; The Classics; and a brief annotated bibliography. Among the contributors are Leon Yankwich, Learned Hand, Roger Traynor, Edward Devitt, Harold Medina, Bernard Botwein, Paul Freund, Donald Wright, and Roscoe Pound. Anyone (even a non-judge) will find something of value in this book.

I am sampling *Lawyering*, by Helene E. Schwartz. The introduction to this book (Continued on page 14)

WOULD YOU BELIEVE!

Did you know that more than one-fifth of SCLL members have not yet paid their 1975/1976 dues! If you are one of those who has forgotten to send in your dues, please send a check for \$5.00 to SCLL Treasurer Paul S. Fu, Ohio Supreme Court Law Library, 30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

SCLL depends on membership dues for all of its expenses. Support SCLL today!

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STANDARDS PROGRAM SET

Standards - everybody talks about them;

we are trying to do something about them before and at the June 19th meeting of SCLL in Boston. That meeting will be a

working session on court library standards. Although Supreme Court Libraries were

selected as (*hopefully*) a manageable pi-

lot project for setting and getting stan-

dards, we need input from all librarians

who serve court, state, and county law

libraries. Please send your ideas to the

persons listed below not later than June

1, 1976. Even more important, be sure to

register for the meeting where we will

share our ideas and come up with a work-

ing draft of standards.

Ad Hoc Committee Named

SCLL Chairperson Bill Powers has re-

cruted an Ad Hoc Committee to Prepare

Standards for State Supreme Court Law Li-

braries and has appointed Margaret Set-

liff, Hawaii, as Secretary. The Task

Force on Administration, chaired by John

Sigel, California, is examining govern-

ance, planning, budget, personnel and

buildings. The Task Force on Operations,

headed by Vivian Bryan, Vermont, is con-

cerned with readers' services, technical

services including acquisitions, and

equipment.

Members of the Task Forces are: Task

Force on Administration: John Sigel (Cal.),

Marylyn Martin (Alaska), Bill Younger

(Alabama), Roger Brooks (Kansas), Merle

Allen (Mississippi), Karen Sorvari (North

Carolina), J. Alexander Cressy (West Vir-

ginia). Task Force on Operations: Vivian

Bryan (Vermont), Frances Campbell (Col-

orado), Brian S. Polley (Florida), Bar-

bara White (Nevada), Elmer Dewald (North

Dakota), Paul Fu (Ohio), Roger Andrus

(Oregon), Marcia Koslov (Wisconsin).

Write one of these task force members

today about what you think of setting

and getting standards for court libraries.

The more input the Task Forces get from

all types of librarians, the broader and

better the output of the workshop session

will be. So pick up your pen or put paper

in your typewriter and write today!

SCLL-AALL RELATIONSHIP

TO BE DISCUSSED

The 10:30 a.m. business meeting of

SCLL on Saturday, June 19, 1976, will

consider, among other matters, the stat-

us of SCLL relative to AALL's new subject

interest reorganization. Be sure to ar-

rive in Boston early enough to partici-

pate in this important meeting.

FJC PROJECT DIRECTOR

HAS SOME QUESTIONS

The Federal Judicial Center Study of

Federal Court Libraries is of interest

not only to federal court librarians, but

to all law librarians. The substantive

information assembled during the Project

will be of use to all librarians in their

plans for the future. It also is perhaps

the first effort to develop a national

picture of the information needs of the

judiciary. Obviously, it is an immense

undertaking and SCLL members should con-

sider how they may assist with the Pro-

ject and what the possible implications

of the Project might be for them.

First steps

Talking with Raymond M. Taylor, Project

Director, shortly after the commencement

of project activity, his enthusiasm and

creative approach to the problems ahead

of him become evident. Once he had gotten

his headquarters set up, one of his first

moves was to contact not only federal

judges and federal court librarians, but

also his fellow professional law librari-

ans and library science students who were

considering the field of law librarian-

ship. With the limited staff available

to him, Mr. Taylor welcomes volunteer ef-

forts. To help potential volunteers to

better direct their research, he has

drawn up a list of "suggested topics for

consideration by the Federal Judicial

Center Study of Federal Court Libraries."

This list, he cautions, is only *suggested*

topics and is not to be interpreted as

stating or implying any foregone conclu-

sions about library needs of the federal

courts or how such possible needs should

or should not be met. Rather, the suggest-

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